

RECEIVED
CENTRAL FAX CENTER
DEC 19 2007



**HAMRE, SCHUMANN,
MUELLER & LARSON, P.C.**
AN INTERNATIONAL INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW FIRM

FAX TRANSMISSION

December 19, 2007

TO: Mail Stop: AF
Examiner: Shaw, Amanda Marie
Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

FROM: Douglas P. Mueller
OUR REF: 10873.1576USWO
TELEPHONE: (612) 455.3800

Total pages, including cover letter: 5

PTO FAX NUMBER: 571.273.8300

If all pages are NOT received, please call us at 612.455.3800 or fax us at 612.455.3801.

Title of Document: Response (4 pages)

Applicant: OKAMOTO et al.
Serial No.: 10/522045
App. Filed: January 19, 2005
Group Art No.: 1634

Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-9478. Please consider this a PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME for a sufficient number of months to enter these papers, if appropriate.

By: _____
Name: Douglas P. Mueller
Reg. No.: 30,300

I hereby certify that this paper is being transmitted by facsimile to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on the date shown below.

Lauren Sindt

Signature

19 December 2007
Date

225 SOUTH SIXTH STREET • SUITE 2650 • MINNEAPOLIS • MN 55402
TEL 612.455.3800 • FAX 612.455.3801
WWW.HSML.COM • MAIL@HSML.COM

RECEIVED
CENTRAL FAX CENTER

DEC 19 2007

S/N 10/522,045

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:	Okamoto et al.	Examiner:	Shaw, A
Serial No.:	10/522,045	Group Art Unit:	1634
Filed:	January 19, 2005	Docket No.:	10873.1576USWO
Title:	MICROORGANISM OR CELL COLLECTION METHOD, AND MICROORGANISM OR CELL COLLECTING IMPLEMENT USED FOR THE METHOD		

CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 CFR 1.6(d):

I hereby certify that this paper is being transmitted by facsimile to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on December 19, 2007.

By:
Name: Lauren Sindt

RESPONSE

Mail Stop AF
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Applicants respond to the final Office Action mailed September 19, 2007 as follows:

Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.